GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEATH OF HAJ PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian Haj Pilgrims expired in Saudi Arabia during their visit during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the reasons thereof and the assistance given to their dependents by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) The following number of deaths of Haj pilgrims were reported to Consulate General of India, Jeddah:

Year	No. of deaths	
1998	221	(189 natural deaths, 32 stempede in Mina)
1999	184	(178 natural deaths, 6 road accidents)
2000	256	(252 natural deaths, 4 road accidents)

(till 13 April)

In all the above cases steps were taken to inform the next of kin, to return to India the belongings of the pilgrims and to arrange their proper burial in Saudi Arabia.